A FULL NARRATIVE OF THE Pope's Death,

Between the 12th and 13th of *August*, 1689.

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ROME the 13*th.* of *August*, 1689.

UPon a Rumor that the Pope began to be in an Agony, of which the People began more and more to be confirmed, for that in the Night the Prisoners were remov'd into the Castle; and there was sent out of the Castle to *Villa Pamphilla*, by *Don Livo*, Two Pieces of Cannon, and a Mortar; and all the Money that properly belonged to the Pope and his Nephews, and *Don Livo*, and Monsieur *Magiaschi*, went to the *Vattican*, where they took away all the Cloaths out of the Chest, and all the Pope's Horses out of his Stable, and the curious Image of our Saviour, presented him by the Queen of *Sweden*; and employed Carts the whole Day to carry away the Moveables.

The same Day the Pope felt a great pain in his Side, and used some *Aqua Vitæ*, sent him by Cardinal *Molini*, and found his Ague diminish, and come Two Hours later, and then sent for *D' Terracorda*; and Monsieur *Magiaschi* desired the Pope, That he would be pleased to ease the People in some of their Imposts, and so Die gloriously: The Pope answerd, *The Successor could do it with more Honour.*

About Three a Clock the Pope began to cry out, that he saw all the Signs of Death on him, and therefore desired the last Unction, which was given him about Four a Clock. He sent for several Generals of the Orders, and spent the Night with them; and in the Morning desired Cardinal *Colrado*, chief Father Confessor, and receiv'd from him the Benediction in *Articlo Mortis*; and then called for the other Confessors, and Two Monks of each Order, to receive their Benediction, and Absolution from all the Regulars, and then Recommended his Soul.

About Eleven or Twelve, all went home, the Pope seeming something better, and spake hearty; but soon after the Ague returned more vehemently;

hemently: and the Pain that was in his Side shot up into his Back; and then called again for the Cardinal to assist him in the Hour of his Death, and to acquaint the Sacred Colledge, how much troubled he was, that he was not in a state to call them all together; and desired they would supply his Defects, declaring, that he had never erred willingly, and always believed he did well; and desired they would chuse such a Successor as would rectifie his Miscarriages; and the Money he had left might be employed for the Ease of the Subject, and that he had thoughts in the time of his Sickness, to take off the Tax of the Meal, but being now at the end of his Days, he left that Glory to his Successor.

About the 22th. hour his Speech failed him, and fell into an Agony, but kept his perfect Senses till the Tenth hour the next Morning, and moved one of his Hands, and turned his Eyes.

The Treasurer and the Commissioners disposed of 120000 Scaddies for Alms. So at last dyed Pope *Innocent* the XI.

The Captain of the *Switzers* Guards gave present Notice to the Chamberlain, Cardinal *Alteri*, who with all the Officers of the Chamber went into the Chamber, and to the side of the Bed where the Pope lay, where the Commoners, according to usual Custom, cryed out three times, *Benedicto Odescalchi*, and no body answering, was a confirmation of his Death; upon which Cardinal *Alteri* took off the Fishers Ring, and broke it in the presence of them all, and his Eminency gave the Corps to the Father-Confessors of St. *Peter*, and commanded them to resign it up to the Cannons of the Chappel of *Pauline sse*, and then gave Notice of all that had passed, to the Conservators of the *Roman* People, and the Bell of *Campidoglio* was rung out for the Summoning of the Council; and then the Officers, with the Militia, went to the Prisons, and discharged all the Prisoners, and the several Princes, Ministers, Ambassadors, and Cardinals, had Armed Men for the Security of their Palaces, and in a short time all the Cardinals and Prelates, according to Custom, were in their Mourning Garments.

Just upon the Departure of the Pope there fell down two Arches of *Calisen*, and this Morning, upon the opening of his Body, fell a great Storm of Rain, which continued with great Thunder. In each of his Kidneys was found a stone, one of which weighed seven Ounces, and several small stones in his Bladder, and seven in the Bladder of his Gall, which was thought to be occasioned by his so much sitting and lying. Several dipt their Handkerchifs in his Blood, some out of Discontent, others of Devotion.

The Pope has left behind him a Million and a half in Money, 300000 *Scaddies* Revenue, 100000 *Scaddies* in vacant Benefices, and Ten Vacancies of Cardinals, besides the Vacancies that will be made by the Promotions.

This Evening was the usual Pomp in the carrying of his Body to St. *Peters*.

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